and punishments, and also the laws relating to the separate estate and property of married women.

On motion of Mr. Valliant,

Leave was granted to the Talbot delegation and Mr. Freaner to introduce a bill entitled an Act to refund to Dr. C. C. Cox sums of money erroneously paid as tax to Talbot county.

On motion of Mr. Duer,

Leave was granted to the Worcester delegation and Mr. Duer to introduce a bill entitled an Act to prevent the catching and destroying of fish in the waters of the Pocomoke River and Sound, below the village of Shelltown, in Somerset county.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Hawkins, Lancaster, Colton and Robey, to introduce a bill to repeal sections 41, 42 and 43, of Article 9, sub-title "Fences," of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles county.

Mr. Fletchall, from the Committee on Corporations, reported favorably,

A bill entitled an Act to authorize a reduction of the capital stock of the New Central Coal Company.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Colton, Chairman of a Select Committee, reported favorably,

A bill entitled an Act to appropriate a sum of money to refund to Rev. John B. De Wolf State taxes paid in error.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Valliant, Chairman of a Select Committee, reported favorably,

A bill entitled an Act to refund to Dr. C. C. Cox sums of money erroneously paid as county tax, or authorize the Commissioners of Talbot county to credit his county tax with the same.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Greenfield, Chairman of a Select Committee, reported favorably,

A bill entitled an Act to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to purchase at its discretion the property of the Western Maryland Rail Road Company, and to issue the bonds of the City of Baltimore in order to provide for the payment money for said purchase.

Which was read a first time.